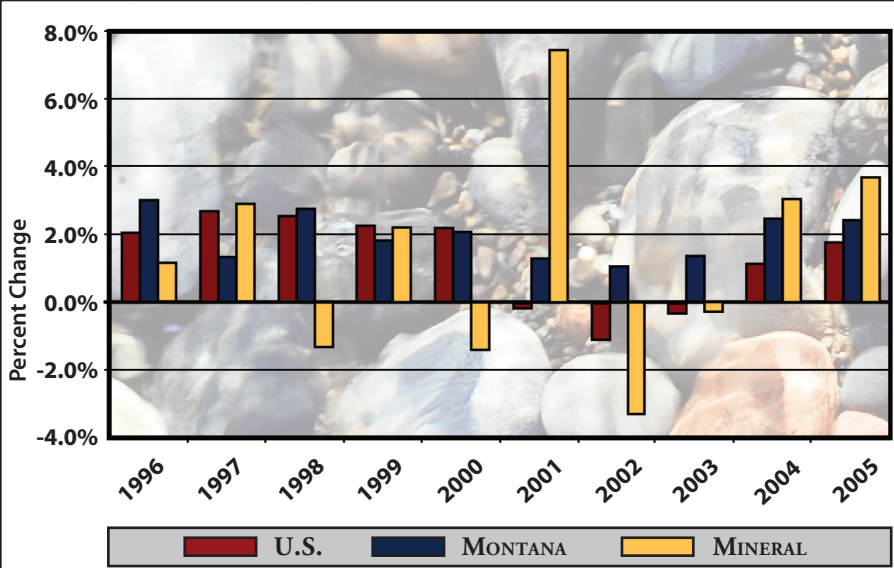


Percent Change in Employment: 1996 to 2005
U.S., Montana, and Mineral County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Top 10 Private Employers in Mineral County
(Based on 3rd Quarter 2006 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Durango’s Restaurant	4	Mountain West Bark Products	4
Eureka Pellet Mills	4	St. Regis Travel Center	5
Jasper’s Restaurant	4	Super 8 Motel	4
Lincoln’s Silver Dollar Bar	5	Tricon Timber	6
Mineral Community Hospital	5	Westgate Superior	4

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW) This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2005 - Mineral County

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	151	1193	\$21,017
TOTAL PRIVATE	128	863	\$17,891
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	8	13	\$19,922
Forestry and logging	6	*	*
Agriculture & forestry support	2	*	*
UTILITIES	2	*	*
CONSTRUCTION	20	57	\$27,738
Construction of buildings	8	17	\$21,654
Heavy and civil engineering construction	4	14	\$37,509
Specialty trade contractors	8	26	\$26,642
MANUFACTURING	7	166	\$26,660
Wood product manufacturing	3	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	1	*	*
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	1	*	*
Machinery manufacturing	1	*	*
Miscellaneous manufacturing	1	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	1	*	*
RETAIL TRADE	20	233	\$15,283
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	2	*	*
Building material & garden supply stores	2	*	*
Food and beverage stores	2	*	*
Health and personal care stores	2	*	*
Gasoline stations	8	116	\$12,956
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	1	*	*
Miscellaneous store retailers	3	*	*
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	2	*	*
INFORMATION	1	*	*
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	4	17	\$19,178
Credit intermediation & related activity	3	*	*
Insurance carriers & related activities	1	*	*

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)
* Data Not Disclosable

Agricultural Statistics - Mineral County

Farms	
Farms: (number)	85
Land in farms (acres)	16,277
Average size of farms (acres)	191
Farms by size: (number)	
Less than 1,000 acres	82
1,000 acres or more	3
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)	
Less than \$100,000	0
\$100,000 or more	0
Farms by type of organization: (number)	
Family, Individual, Partnership	80
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	5

Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested	
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)	
Cattle and calves	938
Hogs and pigs	0
Sheep and lambs	71
Horses and ponies	375
Bison	(D)
Chickens (layers and broilers)	39
Crops Harvested (acres)	
Corn for grain	0
Corn for silage or greenchop	0
Wheat for grain, All	(D)
Winter wheat for grain	0
Durum wheat for grain	0
Spring wheat for grain	(D)
Barley for grain	(D)
Oats for grain	(D)
Sunflower seed, All	0
Soybeans for beans	0
Hay, haylage, grass silage	2,502

Operator Demographics	
Primary occupation: (number)	
Farming	35
Other	50
Place of residence: (number)	
On farm operated	76
Not on farm operated	9
Years on present farm: (number)	
Less than 10 years	34
10 years or more	51
Age group: (number)	
Under 55 years	49
55 years and over	36
Average age of operators: (number)	55.0

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002
(D) - Not Disclosable

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	3	3	\$13,770
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	5	7	\$15,844
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	5	15	\$20,867
Administrative and support services	3	*	*
Waste management and remediation service	2	*	*
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	16	126	\$18,815
Ambulatory health care services	7	*	*
Hospitals	1	*	*
Social assistance	8	22	\$5,971
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	4	13	\$12,293
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	24	193	\$8,889
Accommodation	6	44	\$9,041
Food services and drinking places	19	150	\$8,845
OTHER SERVICES	5	6	\$9,388
Repair and maintenance	2	*	*
Personal and laundry services	2	*	*
Private households	1	*	*
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	23	330	\$29,188
Local Government	7	222	\$24,151
State Government	10	53	\$35,951
Federal Government	6	54	\$43,119

The QCEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

Annual Average Labor Force - Mineral County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2005	1,977	1,866	111	5.6%
2004	1,937	1,823	114	5.9%
2003	1,893	1,767	126	6.7%
2002	1,911	1,779	132	6.9%
2001	2,019	1,892	127	6.3%
2000	1,888	1,767	121	6.4%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)